

**A PROCLAMATION
“PROCLAIMING APRIL
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS, Preventing child abuse and neglect is about supporting families by helping them build strengths so that their children can thrive, and

WHEREAS, Protective factors are the strengths that families can draw upon when life becomes difficult, and

WHEREAS, Five protective factors listed here have been proven to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect:

- Parental resilience;
- Social Connections;
- Knowledge of parenting and child development;
- Concrete support in times of need; and
- Social and emotional competence of children, and

WHEREAS, Knowing what these factors are makes it possible for communities to provide programs and resources to help strengthen families, and

WHEREAS, Effective family strengthening programs succeed because of partnerships created among health and human service agencies; community-based organizations, schools, and religious organizations, law enforcement and businesses, and

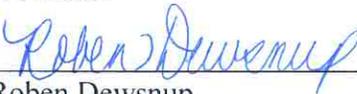
WHEREAS, The Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council provides a collaborative forum for the planning and implementation of family strengthening programs, and

WHEREAS, April is recognized by the United States Congress as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness, Month,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Biggs City Council that April 2012 is “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Biggs. Further, the City Council calls upon all citizens, community organizations, health care providers, the faith community and businesses to increase their participation in community efforts to strengthen families, thereby reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect in the City of Biggs.

Dated: March 19, 2012.

ATTEST:



Roben Dewsnup
CITY CLERK

APPROVED:



Roger L. Frith
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING APRIL AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, learning and behavioral skills of those affected by it, and,

WHEREAS, autism was once thought to be a relatively rare disorder, affecting only one in 10,000 people, and,

WHEREAS, as more and more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autistic spectrum, resulting in rates as high as one in 88 US children; and,

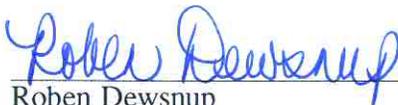
WHEREAS, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it often is possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and,

WHEREAS, April is NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, and Autism Speaks is spearheading an awareness effort in order to educate parents, professionals and the general public about autism and its effects;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the City of Biggs, does hereby proclaim April as NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH, and urge all employees and residents to participate in support of National Autism Awareness Month, in order to become better educated on the subject of autistic spectrum disorders.

Dated: April 16, 2012

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK

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